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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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**H- 5702 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT SPONSOR'S REQUEST**  
**H- 5700 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT SPONSOR'S REQUEST**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021  
**TIME:** 3:00 PM  
**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### House Bill No. [5235](#)

**BY** Diaz, Slater, Cassar, Alzate, Felix, Tobon

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC946/1} (Provides school districts may employ LPNs to assist certified nurse teachers. The act also would require that no fewer than one nurse be employed for every seven hundred fifty (750) students.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Resolution No. [5349](#)

**BY** Messier, Giraldo, Fogarty, Kazarian, Solomon, McNamara, Fellela, Donovan

**ENTITLED,** HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANTI-LITTERING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS {LC859/1} (Creates a 9 member commission to study and make recommendations for the development and implementation of an anti-littering education program for elementary students, and who would report back by February 3, 2022, and expire on April 3, 2022.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Bill No. [5443](#)

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi, Noret, Fellela, Craven, Williams

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS {LC806/1} (Provides an exception to required school immunizations for pupils whose personal, philosophical, or religious beliefs are contrary to immunization and/or testing.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [5492](#)**

**BY Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE STATE'S GROWING HOME SCHOOL POPULATION AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO ALL AVAILABLE SERVICES IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THEIR EDUCATION {LC723/1}

(Creates an 11 member commission to examine the home school population and make recommendations for all students to have access to services to maximize their education, and would report back by January 4, 2022 and expire on April 4, 2022.)

02/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5700](#)**

**BY ~~Speakman, Ajello~~**

**ENTITLED,** ~~AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT PRIVACY ON SCHOOL-OWNED TECHNOLOGY {LC1586/1} (Provides that no educational institution without an opt-in shall compel students to participate in a take-home technology program (e.g., computers).)~~

~~02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education~~

~~03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [5701](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Noret, Fenton-Fung, Ackerman, Kazarian**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC2061/1} (Requires that one third of all Rhode Island teachers, for the next three (3) years trained in the basic emergency and response skills curriculum ("BEARS"), specifically in hand-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Heimlich maneuver, and bleeding control.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5702](#)**

**BY ~~Caldwell, Baginski, Donovan~~**

**ENTITLED,** ~~AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC2059/1} (Requires that one third of all Rhode Island teachers, for the next three (3) years trained in the basic emergency and response skills curriculum ("BEARS"), specifically in hand-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Heimlich maneuver, and bleeding control.)~~

~~02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education~~

~~03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [5713](#)**

**BY Giraldo, Alzate, Williams**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC2060/1} (Requires that one third of all Rhode Island teachers, for the next three (3) years trained in the basic emergency and response skills curriculum ("BEARS"), specifically in hand-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Heimlich maneuver, and bleeding control.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [5835](#)**

**BY Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, Place**

**ENTITLED,** HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RI OFFICE OF THE POSTSECONDARY COMMISSIONER (RIOPC) TO DEVELOP A POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DYSLEXIA KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE {LC1449/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via  
**HouseEducation@rilegislature.gov**

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.  
Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.  
This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

**For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.**

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,  
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HEDU.aspx> .**

## **VERBAL TESTIMONY**

Due to the extremely high volume of requests, and in order to accommodate as many constituents as possible, please take note of the revised procedure for verbal testimony:

**\*DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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